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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA'S ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE TITLE I PL 480
AID

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1. CONGRESS IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVISING PUBLIC LAW 480.
WE ARE NOT AWARE, HOWEVER, OF ANY CHANGES WHICH WOULD AFFECT
BOLIVIA'S ELIGIBILITY. BOLIVIA, LIKE ALMOST ALL OTHER
LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS, IS "ELIGIBLE" FOR TITLE I ASSISTANCE.
THE DECISION ON WHETHER SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL IN FACT BE
EXTENDED CAN ONLY BE MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BASED ON
THE SITUATION IN THE PARTICULAR COUNTRY INVOLVED AND WORLD
WIDE DEMAND FOR TITLE I COMMODITIES.

2. WE HAVE NOT ANTICIPATED SUPPLYING TITLE I ASSISTANCE
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TO BOLIVIA IN FY 1978 AND IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT INCLUDED
IN OUR PRELIMINARY ALLOCATIONS. SHOULD THE GOB APPLY, OR
THE EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT TITLE I AID IS EXPENDIENT, WE
WOULD CERTAINLY GIVE CONSIDERATION TO SUCH A REQUEST.

3. WHAT BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS MAY BE REFERING TO REGARDING
CHANGES IN PL 480 IS A PROPOSED REVISION OF SECTION III

WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE 25/75 PERCENT CUT OFF POINT FROM
300 DOLLARS PER CAPITA GNP TO "THE POVERTY CRITERION

ESTABLISHED FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
FINANCING." THIS CRITERION IS NOW 520 DOLLARS PER CAPITA
GNP. SINCE BOLIVIA'S PER CAPITA GNP HAS RISEN ABOVE
300 DOLLARS BUT IS BELOW 520 DOLLARS, THIS CHANGE, IF
ACCEPTED BY THE CONGRESS WHICH APPEARS TO BE LIKELY, WOULD
ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE TO COMPETE FOR TITLE I ASSISTNACE IN
THE 75 PERCENT CATEGORY. THIS IS ADVANTAGEOUS BUT DOES
NOT, OF COURSE, INSURE THAT TITLE I ASSISTANCE WILL BE
EXTENDED ANY MORE THAN BEING IN THE 25 PERCENT CATEGORY
PRECLUDES ASSISTANCE.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING EMBASSY'S INFORMAL
EVALUATION OF COMMODITIES AND QUANTITIES WHICH GOB MIGHT
BE CONSIDERING. THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT
MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH GOB OFFICIALS. VANCE

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